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ITALIANS NOW PREPARING FOR BIG PUSH ON NORTHERN FRONT



Benny Leonard, former light-weight boxing champion, and Miss Jacqueline Stern, his secretary, started the New Year as man and wife.

MR. HU HAN-MIN
INDISPOSED

High Blood Pressure Returns

URGED TO REMAIN IN CANTON

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. With a blood pressure of 180, Mr. Hu Han-min, Chairman of the Kuomintang C.E.C. Standing Committee, has to take a complete rest and may have to remain here for some time.

Although there were rumours to the contrary, Mr. Hu is really sick, according to those who visited him yesterday afternoon. Two doctors are treating him. When he spoke before the welcoming body at Chungshan Memorial Hall last Saturday, Mr. Hu emphasised that he was far from being a healthy person, but came back from Europe to do his bit in the national salvation.

General Chiang Kai-shek and other high Nanking officials urge Mr. Hu to proceed to the capital for medical treatment, but Mr. Hu has a home in Hong Kong and may go back there to recuperate.

It is learned that Mr. Hu discussed the political and international situation with his colleagues here, until his high blood pressure called a halt to further discussion. General Chen Chi-tang, the military chief here, urges Mr. Hu to remain in Canton longer, and General Li Chung-jen, Kwangsi military chief, it is said, holds the view that Mr. Hu can render better service to the Kuomintang by remaining in the South.

General Hsu Hsueh-chi, Vice-President of the Control Yuan, returned here last evening from Hong Kong upon learning of Mr. Hu's illness.

U.S. BROKER
CHARGED

Alleged Embezzlement of 100,000 Pesos

Shanghai, To-day. Richard E. Thompson, aged 45, described as a member of the brokerage firm of Cook and Thompson of Manila, has been arrested at an hotel in Shanghai by the American authorities as the result of three complaints from the Philippine Government charging him with embezzlement of over 100,000 pesos.

Judge Helmick set the bail at \$10,000 (Gold), which Thompson has not yet found. At present he is being held in jail. Reuter.

ANXIETY IN
EUROPE

FRANCE SHOWS
CONCERN

Demilitarised Zone Question

ITALY TO MAINTAIN HER LOCARNO ENGAGEMENTS

Paris, To-day.

It is understood that the French Government is concerned at the question of Germany and the demilitarised zone, and that M. Flaminio is anxious to obtain the British viewpoint on the matter.

It is learned that M. Laval, before resigning, asked Italy what would be her attitude if Germany broke her engagements as regards the zone. He received a favourable reply, to the effect that Italy would maintain her Locarno engagements and as she had only seven divisions engaged in Abyssinia, she did not lack men. Reuter.

TRIBUTE TO LATE
SOLICITOR

SUPREME COURT
CEREMONY

MR. ALFRED E. HALL

A very impressive ceremony was held at the Supreme Court this morning when the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Lindell, who sat together with the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Hayden, paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Alfred E. Hall, who passed away in Canton last week.

Mr. Justice Lindell, in addressing the large gathering of the legal profession who had assembled in Court for that purpose, said:—

"Mr. Attorney,

"The Court is sitting specially this morning to take notice of the loss the legal community sustained last week by the death of the late Mr. A. E. Hall. "Owing to the lamented death of His late Majesty, King George V, and the Chinese New Year holidays following thereon, it has been impossible to hold this session earlier.

ENFORCED RETIREMENT

"Mr. Hall was a member of an old and respected Hong Kong family and followed in his father's footsteps in the study of law. He was a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England. He was admitted here in 1917 and he continued to practice until a few years ago when failing health caused him, when still a comparatively young man, to retire.

"Before he fell ill I had the pleasure to know him not only as a capable advocate but also as a reliable and friendly man. (Continued on Page 12)

ALEXANDER ZOUKOFF'S
DEATH

Luxembourg, To-day. The death has occurred, at the age of 35, of the Russian refugee Alexander Zoukoff, who married the ex-Kaiser's late sister, Princess Victoria of Prussia, in 1927, and left her penniless two years afterwards. Zoukoff had been a circus performer, a writer and latterly a luggage porter at a cafe. Reuter.



The snow, sleet and sub-freezing temperature which blasted the Atlantic seaboard last month also covered Atlanta, Georgia, streets with a glistening coat of ice. Although Georgia's climes are usually thought of as a part of the sunny South, this view looks more like a New England scene.

WHOLE NATION IN
MOURNING

SOMBRE SCENES AT ROYAL FUNERAL

London, To-day.

A vast multitude paid their final homage to King George V when his mortal remains were borne in a funeral procession through the streets of London and were buried yesterday afternoon in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, in the presence of a congregation including world-wide representatives of the lands where his memory is honoured. The coffin, draped in the Royal Standard and surmounted by the Imperial Crown, the Orb and Sceptre, and the insignia of the Order of the Garter, rested on a gun-carriage drawn by a naval gun's crew. Upon it rested a single floral emblem placed there by the mourning Queen.

As the mile-long procession began its slow march from Westminster Hall, the first of 70 minute guns was fired in Hyde Park. At its head walked the escort of Royal Horse Guards, supported by the bands of the 3rd Carabiniers and of the Household Cavalry, and by (Continued on Page 7)

BROADCAST TO THE WORLD

Good Reception Throughout The Globe

London, To-day.

Exclusive of the Empire stations the funeral service of the late King from Windsor was relayed to practically every European country, North and South America, North Africa, Japan and Manchukuo. Numerous reports of excellent reception have arrived from many parts of the world.

Half an hour after the royal cortege left Westminster pictures of London's farewell to the late King George were being flown to Paris, and throughout the day privately chartered machines carried film materials to all parts of the Continent. Reuter.

U.S. SUBMARINE
EXPLOSION

EIGHT FILIPINOS INJURED

ONE MAN NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Manila, To-day.

Eight dockyard workers were injured yesterday afternoon as the result of an explosion, followed by a fire, aboard the U.S. submarine S-40, which was undergoing repairs at the Cavite Navy Yard. Five of the injured people were removed to hospital and one is not expected to live. They were all Filipinos.

The Navy fire brigade extinguished the flames with little difficulty. The explosion occurred as a result of a short circuit, caused while the workmen were working on the storage batteries of the submarine. Reuter.

Funeral Of Late
King George

PARAMOUNT NEWSFILM DUE SHORTLY

The special copy for Hong Kong of the Paramount newsfilm of His late Majesty's funeral left Croydon this morning to connect with the Air Force service to Hanoi, from where it will be transhipped to the local Paramount office. It is expected that the newsfilm will arrive here on February 10 and it will be screened immediately at the Queen's Theatre.

To perform this service it was necessary to develop the film and add the comments of the announcer overnight.

NEGUS TRANSFERS
HEADQUARTERS

TO DIRECT OPERATIONS
ON BOTH FRONTS

SWISS NATIONAL COUNCIL
APPROVES SANCTIONS POLICY

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

Reports from the northern front state that despite incessant rainfall the Italians are making desperate efforts to regain the positions they are alleged to have lost from January 20 to 23. The Abyssinian positions are bombarded day and night, but an attack has not yet materialised.

On the other hand the Abyssinians report the capture of a section of the road between Adowa and Makalle, thus cutting off communication between the two towns. The Italian losses on the northern front during the last 10 days are given as 10 white officers and 500 men, including 100 of the home army.

Dessie: It is reported that the Negus will transfer his headquarters from Dessie to Addis Ababa. It is added that the decision has been taken so that the Emperor will be in a better position to control the operations on both fronts.

RED SUCCESS
REPORTED

NANKING TROOPS
ATTACKED

2,000 CASUALTIES REPORTED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

After causing 2,000 casualties among the Nanking troops, the Communists in Kweichow were reported last night to have captured Ma Cheung Ping and Kwei Ting, the latter being 30 miles east of Kwei Yang, the provincial capital, where panic is prevailing.

One brigade of Yunnan troops reached Kwei Yang today to strengthen the garrison of 2,000 there. Some Kwangsi troops are said to be moving up from Kwangsi to join in the campaign against the Reds, but such reports have appeared daily in the Chinese newspapers for the past three weeks.

General Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, has ordered that Kwei Yang be defended at all costs. All the garrison will take up their positions on the outskirts of the city, while the principal streets are to be patrolled by the militia.

In the event of the Communist occupation of Kwei Yang, the Nanking troops will have to retire southward towards Kwangsi or Yunnan. In view of the sweeping victories of the Reds, the fall of Kwei Yang at any moment would not be unexpected.

"MORRO CASTLE"
DISASTER

Sentences On Ship's Personnel

New York, To-day.

Eden S. Abbott, the chief engineer of the Morro Castle, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment; William Warren, acting Captain, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment; and Henry E. Chesnut, Executive Vice-President of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Co., which operated the Morro Castle, has been given a suspended sentence of one year's imprisonment and sentenced to a fine of \$5,000. The company has been fined the maximum sum of \$10,000. Reuter.

AUSTRIAN TRADE
WITH ITALY

Carried On Under Difficulties

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day.

A significant resolution bearing on the trade relations between Italy and Austria has been adopted by a meeting of representatives of the export industry of the Province of Carinthia, and a copy has been sent to the Government. The resolution states that trade conditions with Italy have become such that it is nearly impossible to receive any money from that country for outstanding commercial debts. The resolution suggests various emergency measures. Trans-Ocean Service.

THRILL MURDER
CASE

Convicted Man Dies In Prison

Joliet, Ill., To-day.

Richard Loeb, who together with Nathaniel Leopold, was convicted in the famous "Thrill Murder" case in 1924 and sentenced to imprisonment for life, died in the prison hospital yesterday after a fight with a fellow convict, in which Loeb was deeply slashed with a razor. Reuter.



Santa Claus carried a mighty big bundle as he visited a Cleveland hospital, where he presented tripsets to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ruppel. A nurse poses with the Christmas trip, all boys.

GENERAL STRIKE
IN SYRIA

Situation Remains Grave

ANTI-BRITISH TENDENCIES IN JERUSALEM

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Jerusalem, To-day.

The general strike in Syria still continued yesterday. The situation remains grave, and according to despatches from Damascus two further casualties are reported. The total number of arrests made up till now is given as 1,350.

The Arabs here follow the developments in Syria with keen interest. In the Arab Quarters of Jerusalem leaflets of anti-British and anti-Zionist tendency, and urging the Arab population to join in demonstrations against the "invaders" were distributed yesterday. Trans-Ocean Service.

RIOTING IN
CAIRO

BOY KILLED BY POLICE FIRE

POLICE COMMANDANT'S OFFICE SACKED

Cairo, To-day.

A boy was killed and another wounded on Monday evening when the police were obliged to fire on a mob at Dammanhour, who smashed the lamp-posts, throwing the town into darkness. All the shops are closed.

THREE OTHER DEATHS

Later: Three students wounded by police fire in Monday's demonstrations have died — two at Mansoura and the other at Dammanhour. The police arrested 31 students concerned with burning the furniture from the School of Applied Arts at Bulake. The Egyptian Universities are closed indefinitely.

The students met yesterday morning and resolved to uphold the United Front and hold Britain responsible for any disunion. The rioters at Dammanhour sacked the police commandant's office. Reuter.

EX-SERVICEMEN PROTEST
AGAINST SECRET TREATY

Brussels, to-day. The Flemish ex-servicemen's organisation announces that it will organise a mass demonstration on March 22 as a protest against the secret military treaty between France and Belgium. Trans-Ocean Service.